

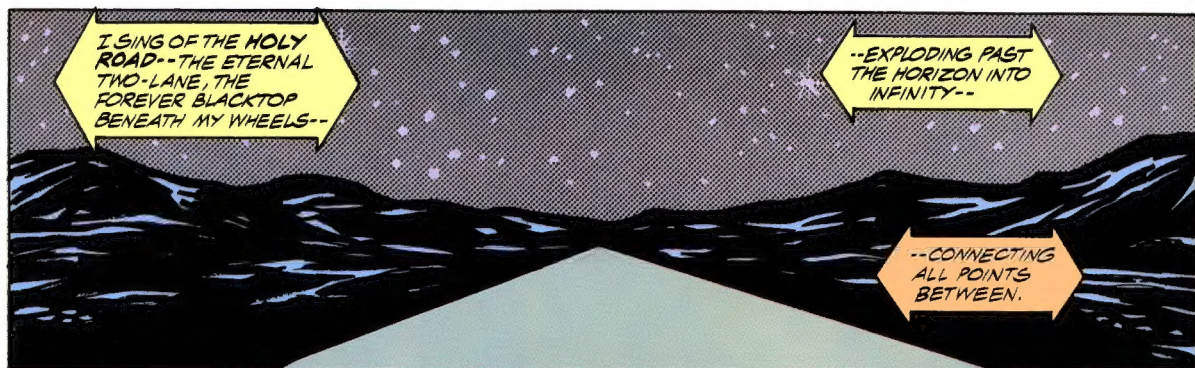


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SHE'S BACK!
LA LUNATICA!



I SING OF THE HOLY
ROAD--THE ETERNAL
TWO-LANE, THE
FOREVER BLACKTOP
BENEATH MY WHEELS--

--EXPLODING PAST
THE HORIZON INTO
INFINITY--

--CONNECTING
ALL POINTS
BETWEEN.



I SING OF THE DIVINE
ENGINE, FORGED BY
LIGHTNING, TEMPERED
IN THE STORM--

--THE ETHEREAL
CONNECTION OF
MAN AND MACHINE--

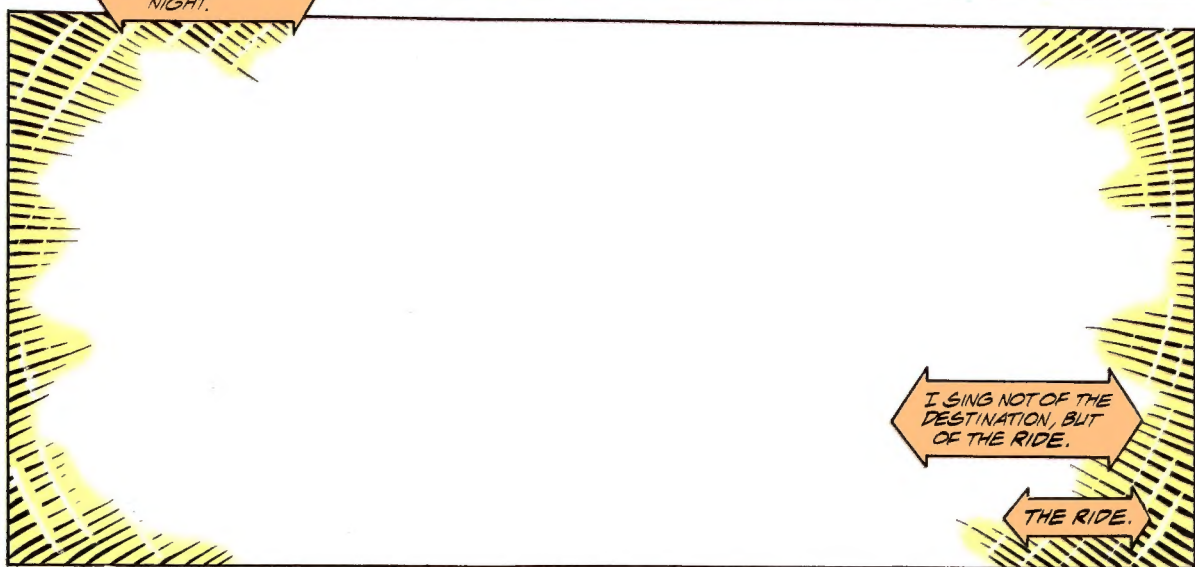
--TRANSCENDING THE
LAWS OF PHYSICS IN
PURSUIT OF SYMBIOTIC
REVELATION.

I SING OF THE SACRED
JOURNEY THAT GIVES
PURPOSE TO THE MIDNIGHT
DRIVER--



SOOTHING HIS
TROUBLED SOUL
WITH SPEED AND
MOTION--

--AS HE ROARS
INTO THE UNENDING
NIGHT.



I SING NOT OF THE
DESTINATION, BUT
OF THE RIDE.

THE RIDE.



MY HEAD...

SHAKTI, WHAT HAPPENED TO US? I CAN'T REMEMBER ANYTHING...

HIS MISTAKE WAS CHALLENGING ME.

AND I DIDN'T EVEN HAVE TO TOUCH HIM TO TAKE HIM OUT.

SHOULDA STAYED IN RETIREMENT, OLD MAN.

THE X-MEN ARE MINE.

YOU WERE UNDER THE PSYCHIC CONTROL OF MASTER ZHAO--

--ONCE BRILLIANT LEADER OF THE LAST GENERATION OF X-MEN.

GUESS WE'VE ALL LEARNED SOMETHING, HUH?

KRYS, HE USED YOU AND TEN EAGLES TO LURE THE REST OF US HERE TO HIS COMPOUND--

THE DRUGS HE TOOK TO AUGMENT HIS FADING PSYCHIC ABILITIES DROVE HIM INSANE.

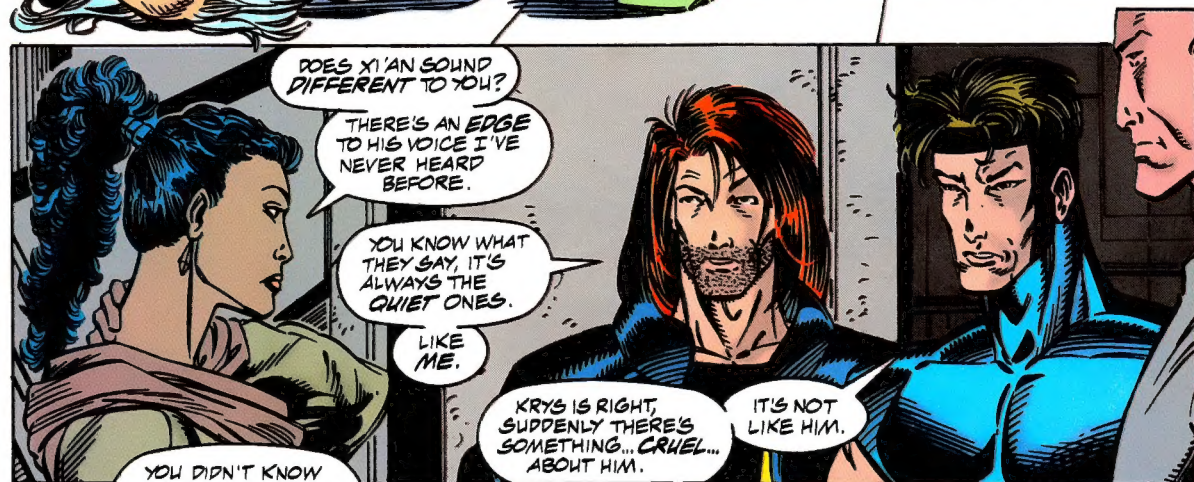
NEXT TIME SOMEONE OFFERS YOU RSJ-STEROIDS, JUST SAY NO.

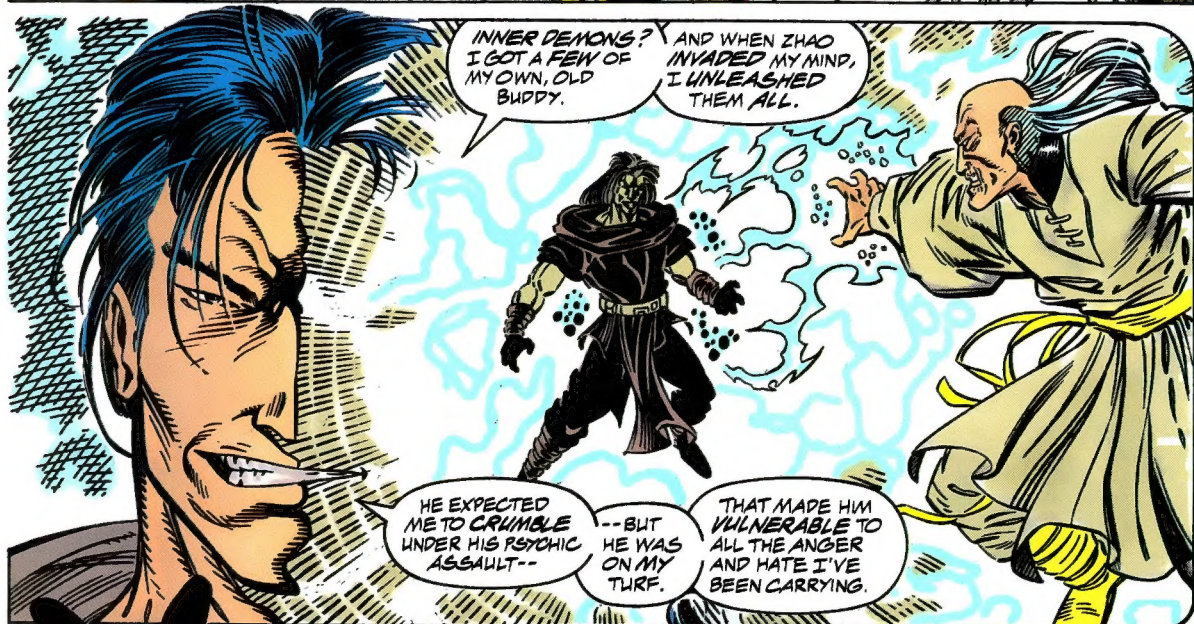
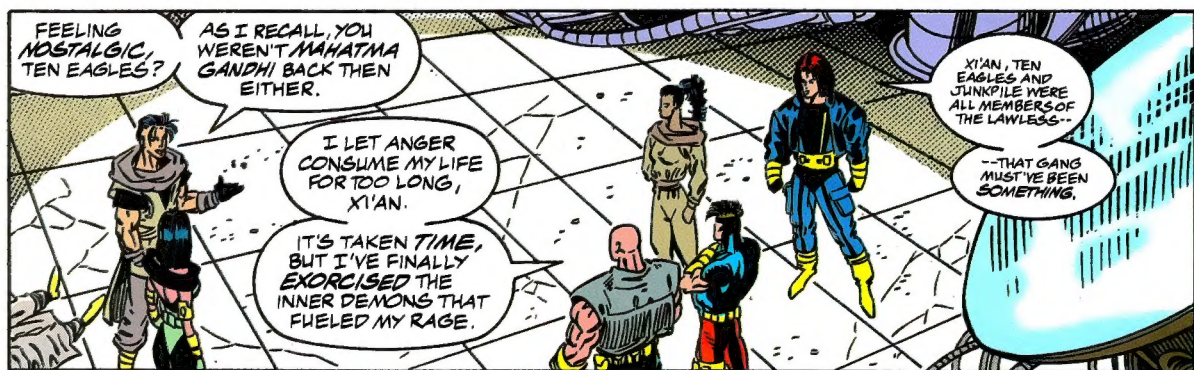
--THINKING HE COULD FORCE US INTO BECOMING HIS THIRD DRAFT X-MEN.

Stan Lee
PRESENTS:

ROADWORK

ON THE ROAD WITH: JOHN FRANCIS MOORE WRITER RON LIM PENCILER KOBLISH, MCKENNA ADAMS, SANDERS III INKERS KEN LOPEZ LETTERER SMITH, CAPONSACCO COLORISTS JOEY CAVALIERI EDITOR TOM DEFALCO HIGHWAY PATROL







GET AWAY FROM THE MASTER, MUTANT.

WE WON'T ALLOW YOU TO HURT HIM ANY FURTHER.

DO YOU REALIZE WHAT YOU'VE DONE?

YOU'VE DOOMED US ALL.

OH, IT'S ZHAO'S SECOND DRAFT CHOICES-- FROSTBITE, WINGSPAN, ONE EYED JACK AND PSYCHO K.

ZHAO CREATED THEM AS ANALOGS TO THE ORIGINAL X-MEN.

IF THESE CARBON COPIES WANT TO CHALLENGE ME, THEY'RE WELCOME TO TRY.

I'LL SHUT THEM DOWN JUST LIKE I DID THEIR PRECIOUS MASTER.



I CAN MAKE YOUR DEATH COLDER THAN YOU'VE EVER KNOWN, MUTANT.

NO, FROSTBITE.

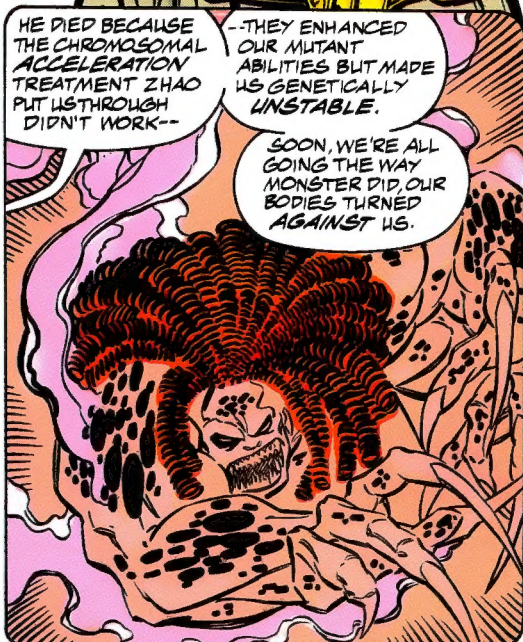
WE CAN'T AFFORD TO EXPEND OUR ENERGY NEEDLESSLY.

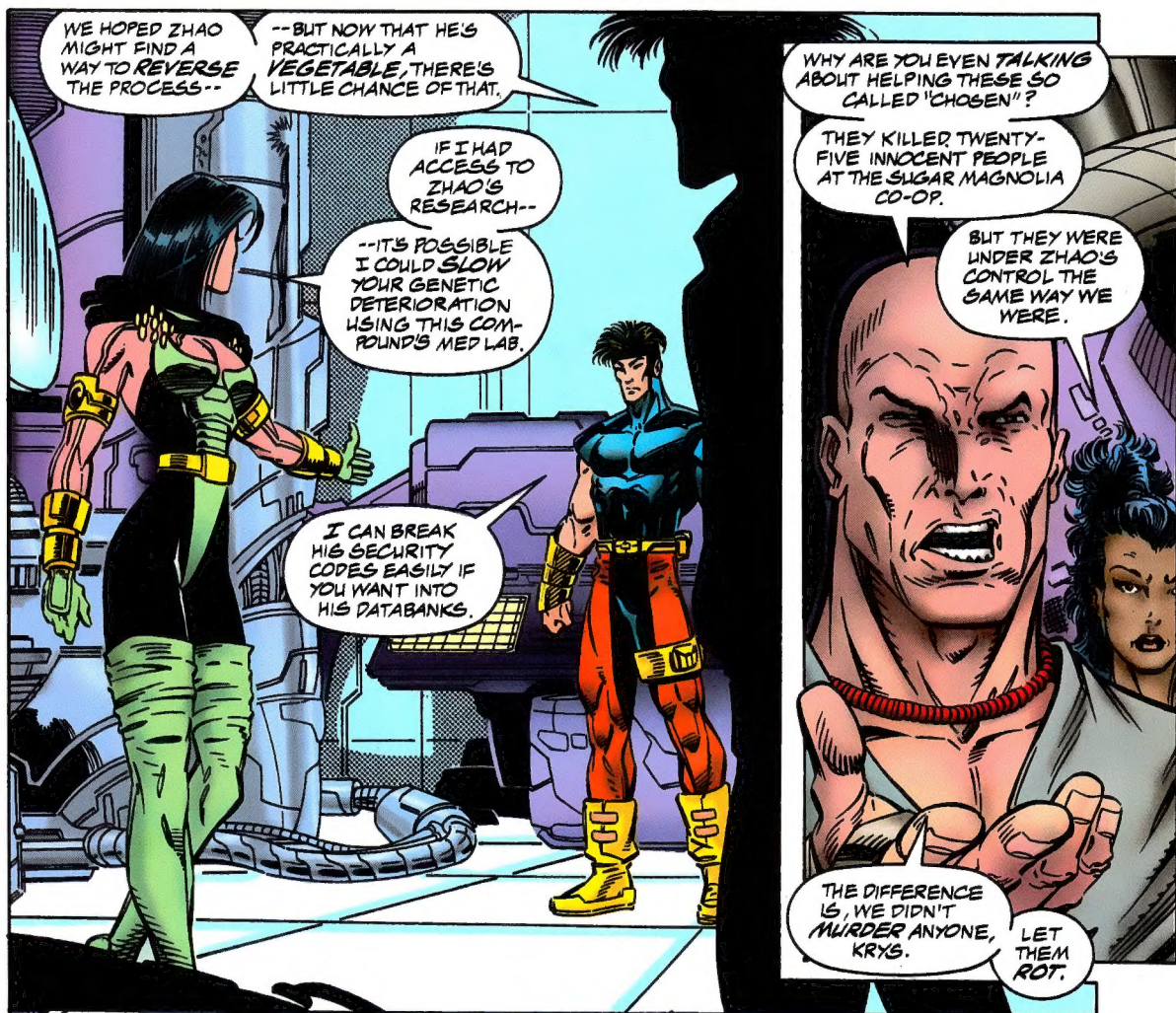
DON'T FORGET WHAT HAPPENED TO MONSTER.

HE DIED BECAUSE THE CHROMOSOMAL ACCELERATION TREATMENT ZHAO PUT US THROUGH DIDN'T WORK--

--THEY ENHANCED OUR MUTANT ABILITIES BUT MADE US GENETICALLY UNSTABLE.

SOON, WE'RE ALL GOING THE WAY MONSTER DID, OUR BODIES TURNED AGAINST US.







ANTARCTICA.

VHUP VHUP

VHUP VHUP

WE'RE HERE,
HAWK. WELCOME
TO THE SAVAGE
LAND.

HOW CAN THIS BE?
WE'RE DEEP IN THE
HEART OF ANTARCTICA.
THIS SHOULD BE FROZEN
WASTELAND.

THE SAVAGE LAND
SITS ON TOP OF THE
LARGEST GEOTHERMAL
HEATING SYSTEM
KNOWN TO MAN.

IT CREATED A
CONTAINED ECOSYSTEM
THAT'S SUPPORTED PLANT
AND ANIMAL LIFE FOR
MILLIONS OF YEARS.

YOU DID NOT LIE,
LEIBOWITZ. I HAVE
NEVER SEEN
ANYTHING LIKE
THIS PLACE.

BUT WHY
BRING ME
HERE?

I'VE SPENT
A LOT OF TIME
HERE. I LIKE
THE PEOPLE.

THE UNIFIED
TRIBES ARE TRYING
TO MAINTAIN THE
LAND'S NATURAL
INTEGRITY--

--BUT SOME OF THE
MEGACORPS ARE HUNGRY
FOR THE WEALTH OF
RESOURCES FOUND HERE.

THEY'VE SENT
SOME OF THEIR
BIG GUNS TO
LEAN ON THE
LOCALS.

AND YOU WANT
ME TO CONVINCE
THESE HIRED
GUNS TO LEAVE
THE SAVAGE
LAND ALONE.

GLADLY.

TO FIND OUT WHAT HAPPENS TO BLOODHAWK IN
THE SAVAGE LAND, SEE DOOM 2099 #19.--JOEY

POLVADERA,
NEW MEXICO.

SHE SEEMS TO BE
HEADING SOUTH
FOLLOWING THE RIO
GRANDE.

MAYBE DOWN TO
MEXICO. THEY
ALWAYS HEAD FOR
HOME.

TELL THE CONTROL
PANEL I'LL STOP
HER BEFORE SHE
HITS THE BOR--

KRRASH

WHA--?

LOOKING
FOR ME?

DID YOU
THINK I DIDN'T
KNOW I WAS
BEING
FOLLOWED?

THEY'VE
BEEN SENDING
CIRCUIT-SKIPS
AFTER ME FOR
A MONTH.

AND I KEEP
SENDING THEM
BACK IN
PIECES.

**SPANKLE
SPANKLE**

KRONK

YOU BELONG TO THE
THEATRE BODY AND
SOUL, PSYCHO--

--AND THEY
INTEND TO
RECLAIM THEIR
PROPERTY.

SUCH A
MOUTH,
CIRCUITBOY.

WHEN YOU
RECOVER, USE
IT TO TELL YOUR
MASTERS--

--NOT EVEN
BRIMSTONE LOVE
HIMSELF CAN MAKE
ME RETURN TO THE
THEATRE OF PAIN.

ARRRGH!

ZHAO'S COMPOUND.

A
CATAclysm
GOOO.

SOLAR FUEL CONVERTER.
RAZOREX ENGINE. S/F
HIGH DENSITY FRAME.
NIKE/ORG WHEELS.

GOOD BIKE.
CAN TAKE SOME
REAL ABUSE.

USED TO WORK ON
THEM ALL THE TIME
BACK WHEN I WAS
A GREASE MONKEY
IN THE SYNTHIA
TRANSPORTPOOL.

I CAN
REBUILD
ONE IN THE
DARK.

YOU HERE
TO TALK
SHOP OR
WHAT?

VRRRRRRRRR

KRYG AND
HENRI SAY
YOU'RE
ACTING
CRAZY.

AND THEY
SENT YOU TO
TRY AND TALK
ME OUT OF
LEAVING.

NO. I
CAME
ON MY
OWN.

YOU SEEM
LIKE YOU'RE
HEADING OVER
THE EDGE.

I THOUGHT
YOU MIGHT
WANT
COMPANY.



WE'VE GOT
GROUND
TO COVER.

KEEP UP WITH
ME, BECAUSE
I WON'T WAIT
FOR YOU.

WHOOO-
YEAH!

RIGHT
BEHIND
YOU.

CHONG

INSIDE.

SHAKTI, YOU KNOW XI'AN BETTER THAN ANY OF US. WHAT'S UP WITH THIS NEW ATTITUDE?

RECENTLY, XI'AN CONFIDED THAT HE'S BEEN HAUNTED BY VISIONS OF HIS FORMER OUTLAW SELF.

FLASHBACKS?

NO, XI'AN SPOKE OF THE 'GHOST' OF HIS PAST IN THE THIRD PERSON, AS A SEPARATE ENTITY.

BASED ON THIS SUDDEN PERSONALITY SHIFT, I WONDER IF HE'S NOT SUFFERING FROM SOME SORT OF SCHIZOPHRENIA.

A MULTIPLE PERSONALITY DISORDER? THAT'S A RADICAL DIAGNOSIS, DOCTOR HADDAD.

I'M MERELY SPECULATING. I DON'T PRETEND TO UNDERSTAND XI'AN'S MOTIVATIONS.

I'M BETTER AT PROBLEMS THAT CAN BE SOLVED EMPIRICALLY.

LIKE FINDING A MEANS TO SLOW THE GENETIC DETERIORATION OF THE REMAINING CHOSEN.

WHAT ABOUT A DEEP FREEZE?

CRYOGENIC SUSPENSION IS A POSSIBILITY, BUT WITHOUT THE RIGHT TECH--

I'M THE RIGHT TECH. I'M A WALKING REFRIGERATION UNIT.

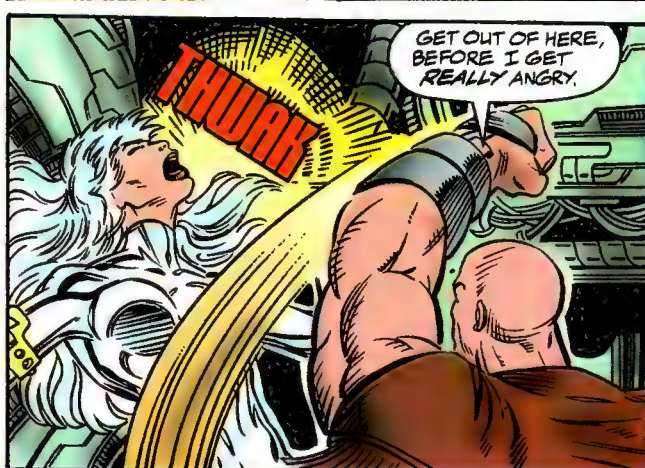
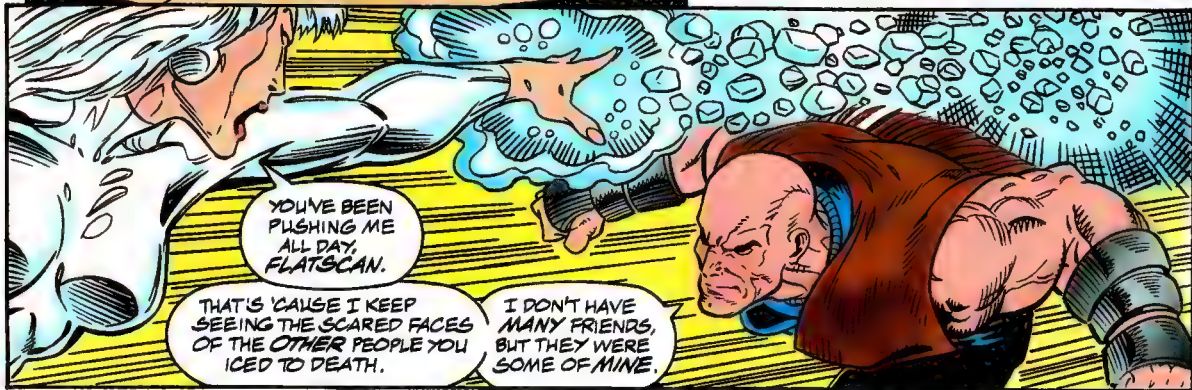
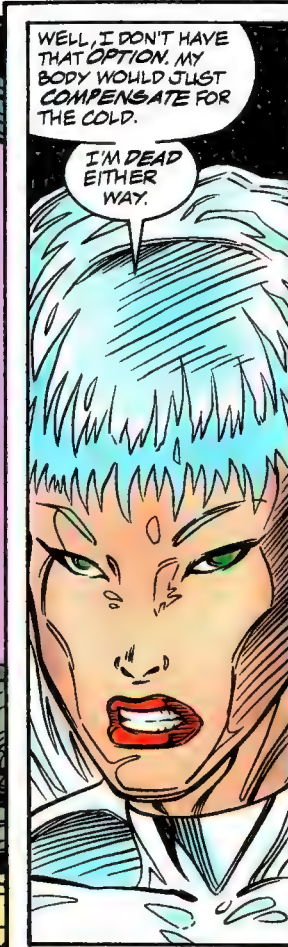
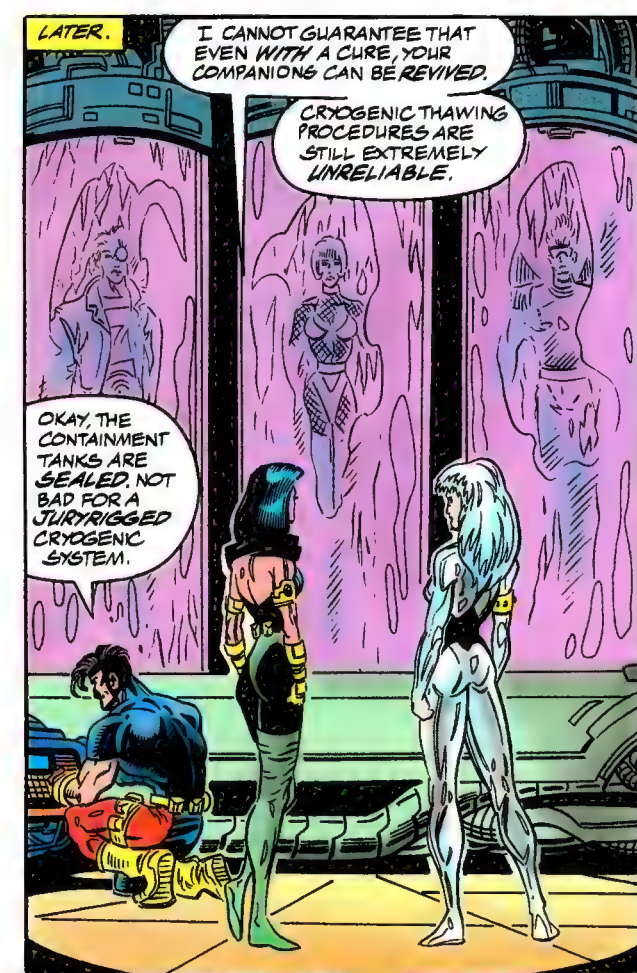
I'M NOT CRAZY ENOUGH TO LAUGH THIS ONE OFF, JACK. I'M SCARED.

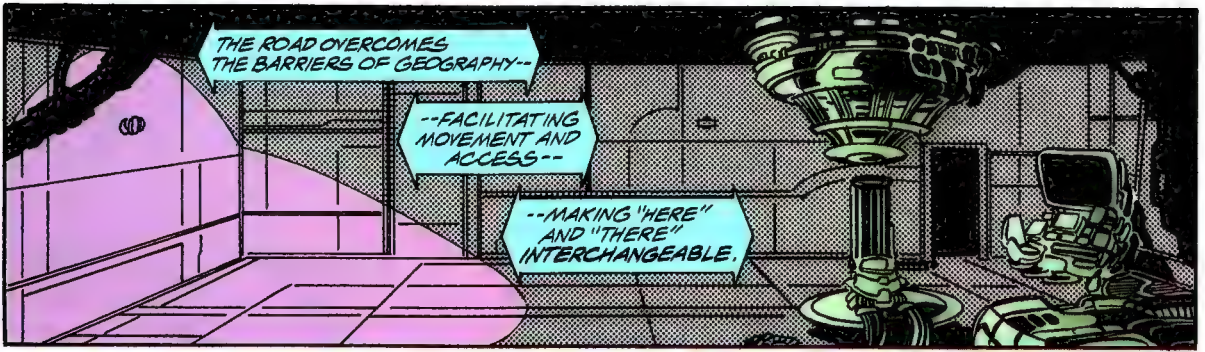
YOU HEARD WHAT ZHAO SAID, K, WE'RE ONE BIG FAILED EXPERIMENT. IT'S NOT "IF," IT'S "WHEN"...

CLOCK'S RUN OUT FOR ME, KIDDIES...

FROSTBITE, DO IT NOW--

--BECAUSE IT HURTS...

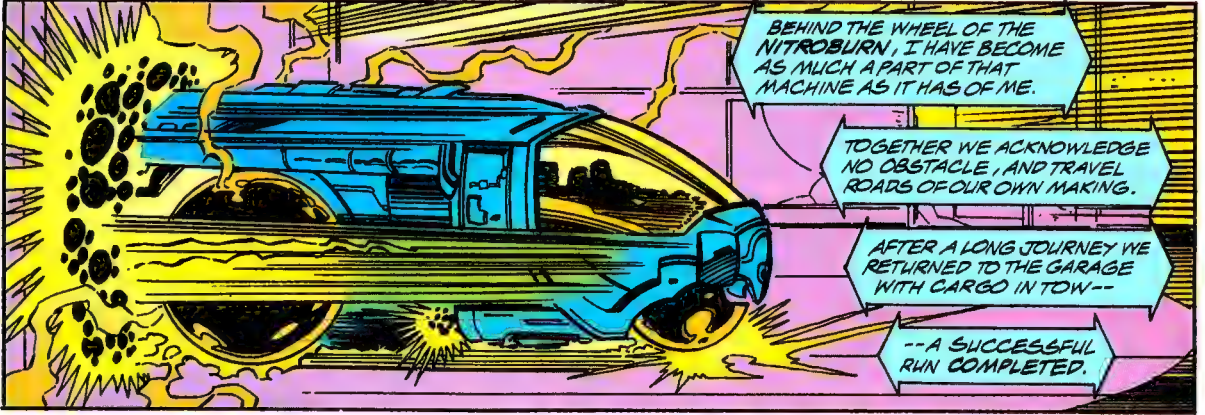




THE ROAD OVERCOMES
THE BARRIERS OF GEOGRAPHY--

--FACILITATING
MOVEMENT AND
ACCESS--

--MAKING "HERE"
AND "THERE"
INTERCHANGEABLE.



BEHIND THE WHEEL OF THE
NITROBURN, I HAVE BECOME
AS MUCH A PART OF THAT
MACHINE AS IT HAS OF ME.

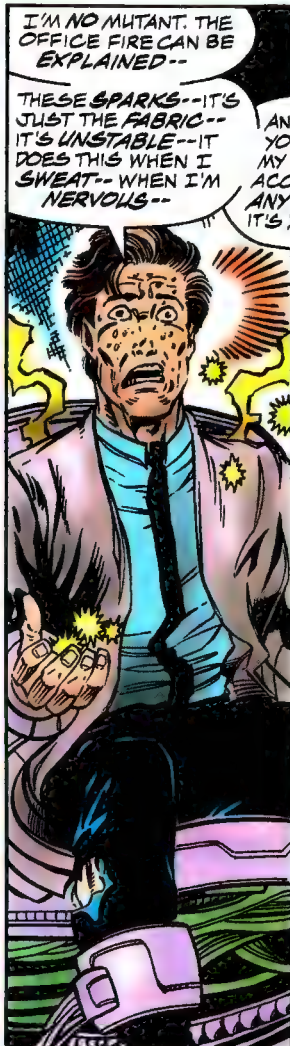
TOGETHER WE ACKNOWLEDGE
NO OBSTACLE, AND TRAVEL
ROADS OF OUR OWN MAKING.

AFTER A LONG JOURNEY WE
RETURNED TO THE GARAGE
WITH CARGO IN TOW--

--A SUCCESSFUL
RUN COMPLETED.



JOSEPH BERNARD
GERSH. YOU WILL
BE SAFE HERE,
MUTANT.



I'M NO MUTANT. THE
OFFICE FIRE CAN BE
EXPLAINED--

THESE SPARKS--IT'S
JUST THE FABRIC--
IT'S UNSTABLE--IT
DOES THIS WHEN I
SWEAT-- WHEN I'M
NERVOUS--

ANYTHING
YOU WANT,
MY CREDIT
ACCOUNT,
ANYTHING,
IT'S YOURS...

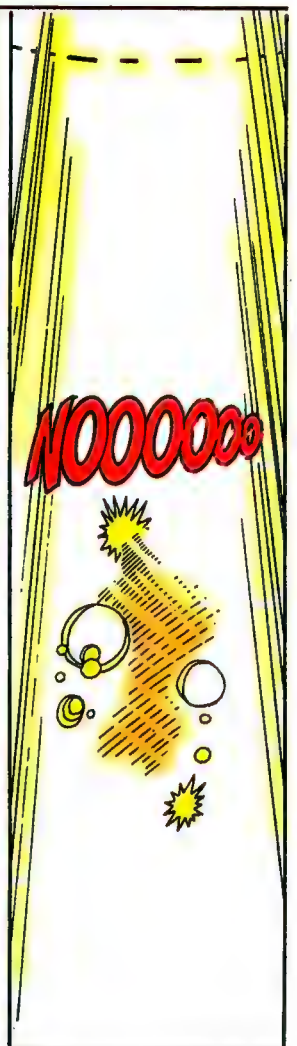


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LET ME
GO...



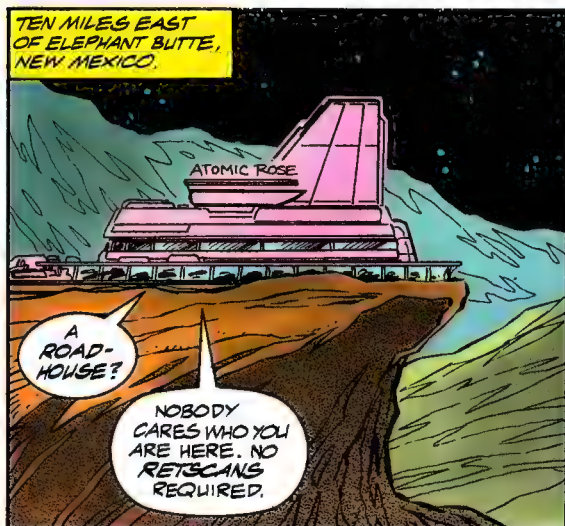
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FILING



NOOOOOO

TEN MILES EAST
OF ELEPHANT BUTTE,
NEW MEXICO.



A
ROAD-
HOUSE?

NBODY
CARES WHO YOU
ARE HERE. NO
RETRCANS
REQUIRED.



HEY, ROSE, TWO
ABOMINATIONS,
STRAIGHT UP.

WHAT'S
IN ONE OF
THOSE?

BETTER
NOT TO
ASK.

HOW
'BOUT I
ASK WHAT
WE'RE
DOING?

I NEED TO TRACK
DOWN AN OLD FRIEND.
SOMEONE WHO CAN
HELP ME WITH THESE
DISCS MAMA HURRI-
CANE GAVE ME.*

THEY MAP HER
RENDEZVOUS
LOCATIONS WITH
THE DRIVER.

ONCE WE FIND
HIM, WE HAVE A
LINE ON THE
MUTANTS HE
HELPED ESCAPE
THE PURGE.

THOUGHT YOU WERE
THROUGH WITH THE
X-MEN.

* X-MEN 2099 #8 - JOEY



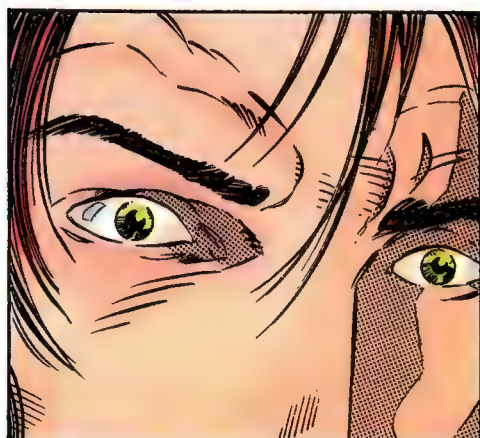
YEAH, BUT I
HAVE OTHER
PLANS...

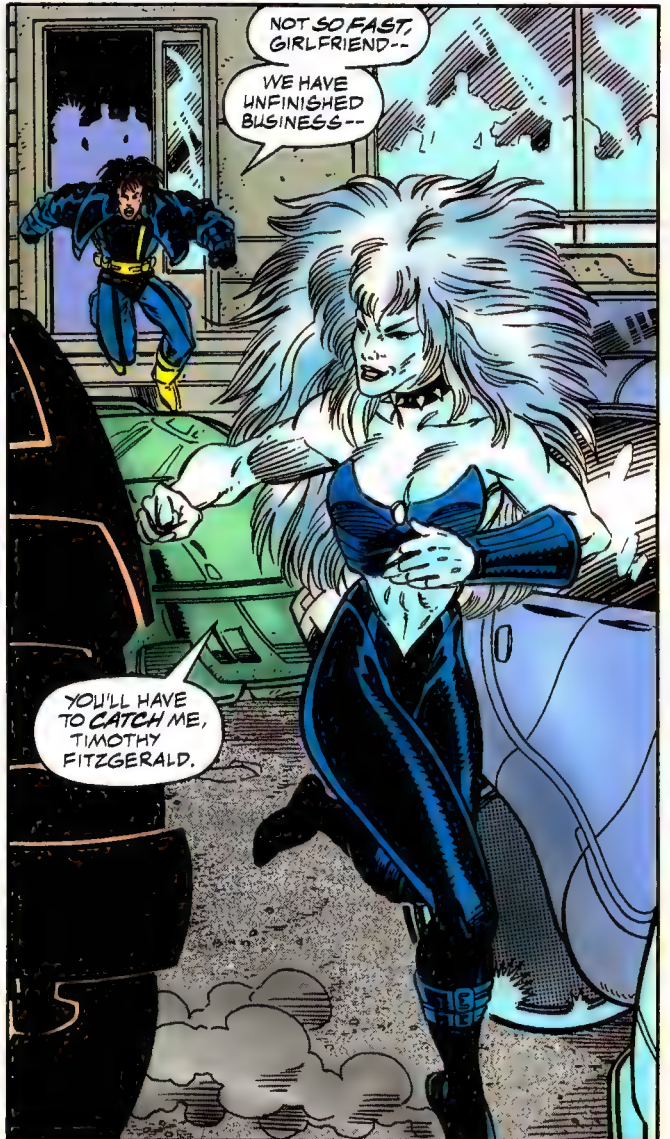
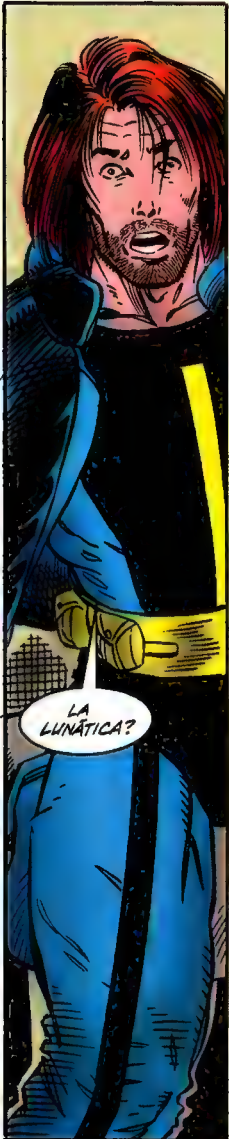
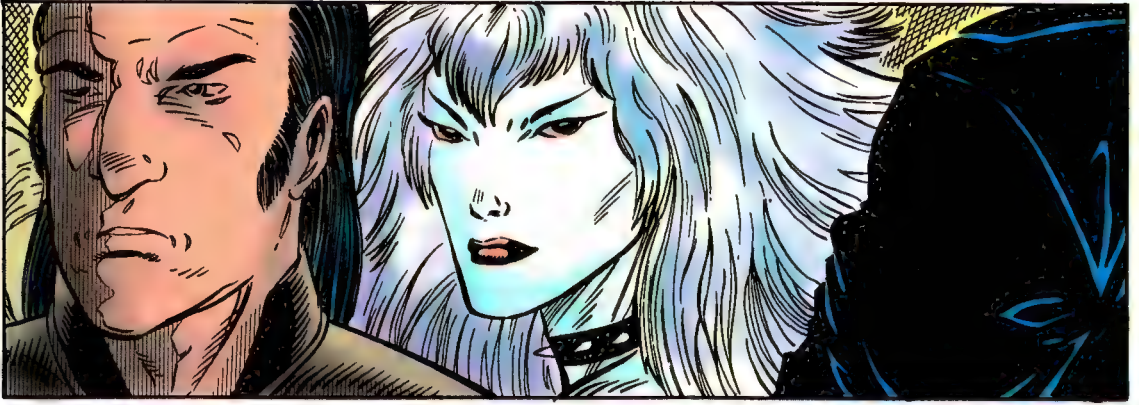
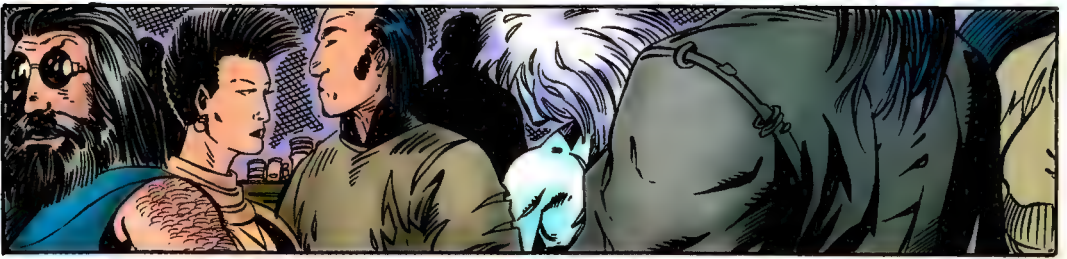
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REQUIRE
MUSCLE.

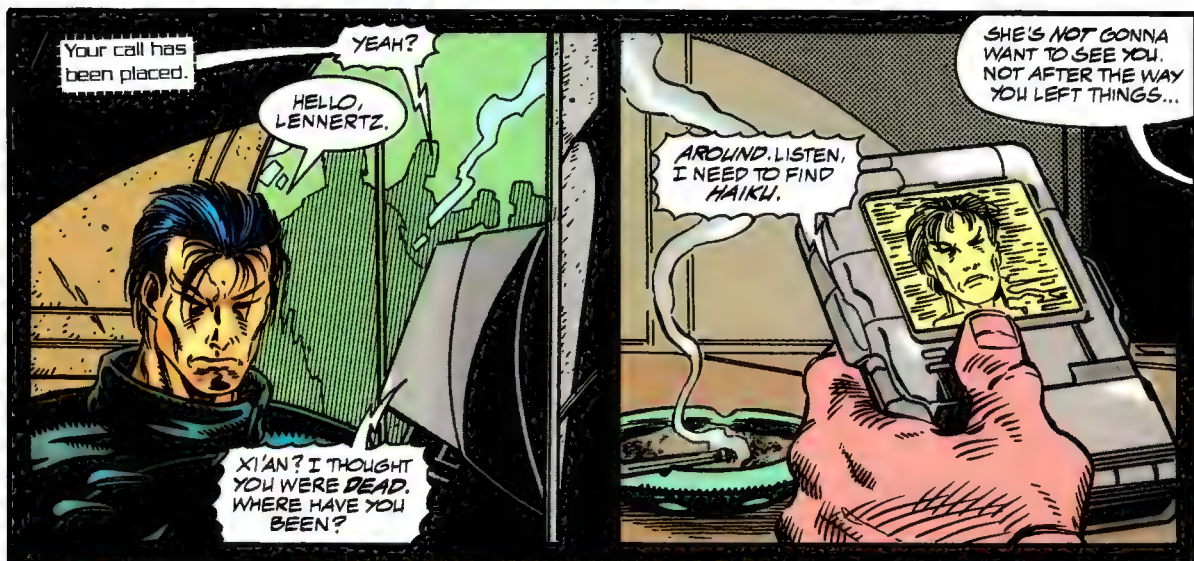
I'M GONNA
MAKE A CALL,
CASH IN AN OLD
MARKER.



I'M NOT
GOING
ANYWHERE.







Your call has been placed.

YEAH?

HELLO, LENNERTZ.

XI'AN? I THOUGHT YOU WERE DEAD. WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN?

AROUND. LISTEN, I NEED TO FIND HAIKU.

SHE'S NOT GONNA WANT TO SEE YOU. NOT AFTER THE WAY YOU LEFT THINGS...



LUNA!!!

CHILL OUT, FITZGERALD, I DON'T WANT--

NOT A CHANCE...

BACK OFF!

BACK OFF? AND GIVE YOU ANOTHER CHANCE TO RIP UP MY MIND.

YOU DID ENOUGH DAMAGE THE FIRST TIME.*

I'M TRYING VERY HARD TO CONTROL MYSELF...

BULLPEN BULLETINS

QUESTION OF THE MONTH

What is your favorite memory of collecting comics from when you were a child?

Jeff Albrecht (X-MEN ADVENTURES inker): "My favorite memory of collecting comics when I was a kid was finding a back issue of the **FANTASTIC FOUR** in some obscure comic book store that was about as well-organized as your family junk drawer!"

Ralph Cabrera (MORBIUS inker): "One that I remember is meeting **Jim Shooter** at a convention back in 1978. I also got to meet **Mike Zeck**. **John Byrne** was there, as well, and it was the first time he ever talked to me. I'll never forget his words. He said, "Hey, kid — get out of my light!"

Rob Tokar (NEW WARRIORS editor): "I ordered a comic from **Cookie Crisp** cereal. It turned out to be a really hot collector's issue. It was an issue I missed on the stands — the one where **Spider-Man** changed his costume!"

Mark McKenna (PUNISHER inker): "My favorite childhood memories are of **Mary Jane Watson**! She would just make my hormones go into overdrive! It's weird having a fixation on a cartoon character, but the way **John Romita** drew her was spectacular!"

Reggie Jones (penciler of "Vengeance" in MARVEL COMICS PRESENTS): "My favorite childhood memory of collecting comics is from 1976. **Stan Lee** did a signing at a book shop in London. I was 14, and I was there in my school uniform. I stood in the rain for three hours with my mates. The signing was supposed to end at 7:00, but there were still hundreds of people in line. **Stan** stayed until the last person got an autograph. I still remember the comic he signed for me — it was **CAPTAIN BRITAIN #1**!"

Nick Napolitano (MORBIUS penciler): "At the age of 15, I met **Alex Saviuk**, who was (and still is) drawing **WEB OF SPIDER-MAN**. I went crazy with my allowance and bought three pages of original art from him. One of them was a big **Hobgoblin** splash page! He was really nice to me. He was the first person that really made working in comics a reality to me."

Lynaire Brust (assistant editor): "My grandfather and all my uncles worked at a paper mill. They used to bring home comics for me and my sisters to read. (My sister **Debra** just joined the **Marvel** staff!) But we always had to give them back, because the paper had been sold! My favorite was the **Hulk**, since he was on TV at the time!"

Craig Anderson (SILVER SURFER editor): "Probably the thing I remember most is those terrific monster stories by **Jack Kirby** and **Steve Ditko** from the fifties. I was pre-super-hero! And then I discovered girls!"

Kelly Corvese (editor): "I used to collect *Teen Titans*. I could only afford one comic, since I had a \$1.50 a week allowance. I would walk for 2 and 1/2 miles on the backroads of **Hershey, Pennsylvania** to a comic shop. I'd walk two hours just to read one comic book! I did this for five years!"

Fred Harper (DR. STRANGE inker): "I remember copying pictures out of the comics — the action shots! **Conan** was my favorite!"

HYPE BOX

Get ready for the greatest G.I. JOE extravaganza of them all! This week marks the debut of G.I. JOE #150, a 48-page action-fest in which **Snake-Eyes** goes one-on-one with **Cobra Commander**! Writer **Larry Hama** put it best when he said, "Snake-Eyes dances the ninja fandango on **Cobra Commander's** ugly masked mug!" This art for this issue is by **Phil Gosier** and **Chip Wallace**, with awesome pin-ups by surprise superstars!



Mark's Remarks

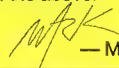
Once a year all of **Marvel's** editors steal away from the office for a few days to attend an editorial retreat. Our purpose — to hang loose, bond with each other, play wallyball, and — oh, yes — discuss things we often don't have time to delve into in our work-choked days on the job. You know, things like our publishing philosophy and how to improve the entire line.

I thought I'd share with you my notes on one of the topics we discussed. Aspiring comic writers, take special note.

"What Every Good Marvel Story Should Have"

1. Interesting characters
2. Events propelled by the characters' specific actions and reactions
3. Multi-level conflicts (physical/emotional/mental/spiritual/symbolic, etc.)
4. Character revealed by decisive actions and tough decisions
5. Character development/growth/progression
6. Visual, action-oriented stories
7. Sense of wonder
8. Resolutions with the sense of hope
9. Insight into some aspect of the human condition
10. Some unique element — something never before seen

There it is. A blueprint for doing stories the way **Marvel** likes them. Am I worried that now everyone knows the secret and can capture the **Marvel** magic at will? Nah, we came up with yet another top ten list, "What Really Good **Marvel** Stories Should Have," and it's totally different from the above!



— Mark Gruenwald

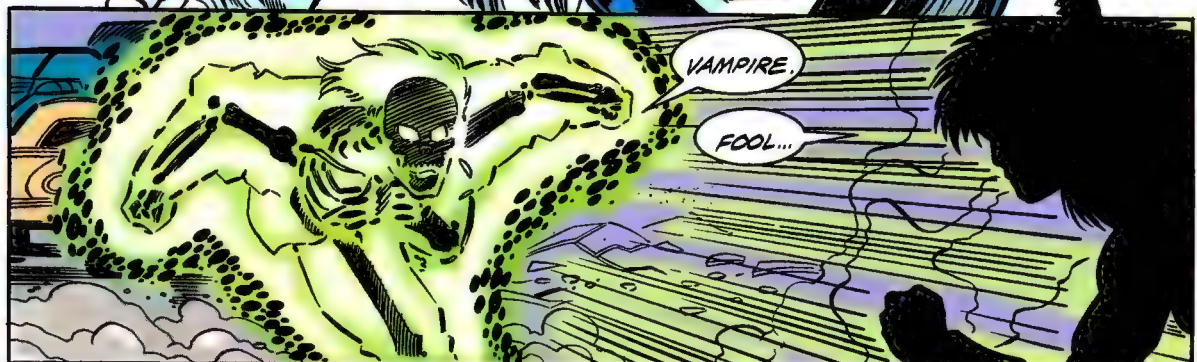
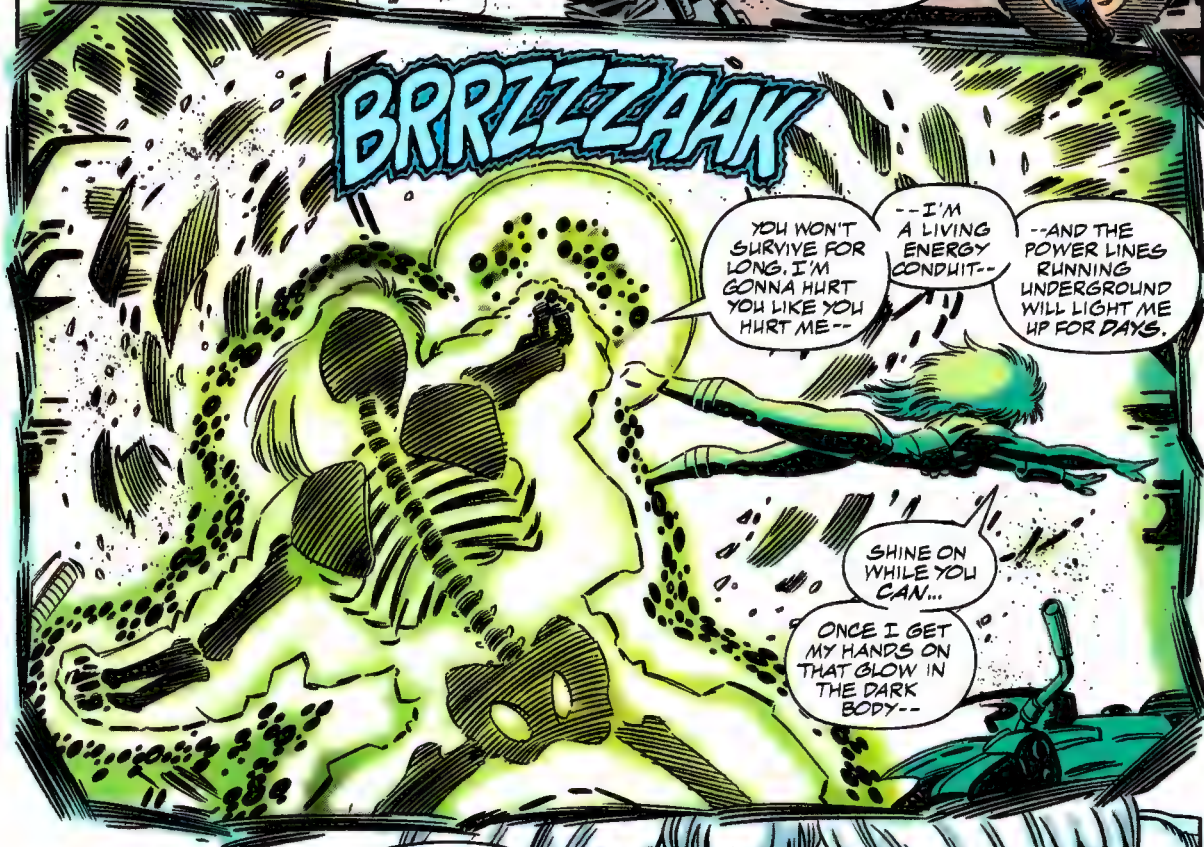
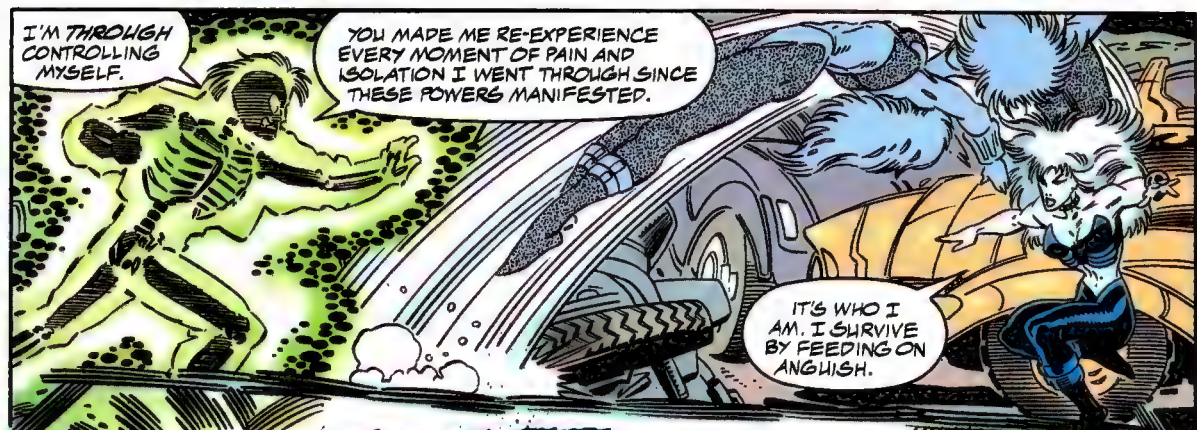
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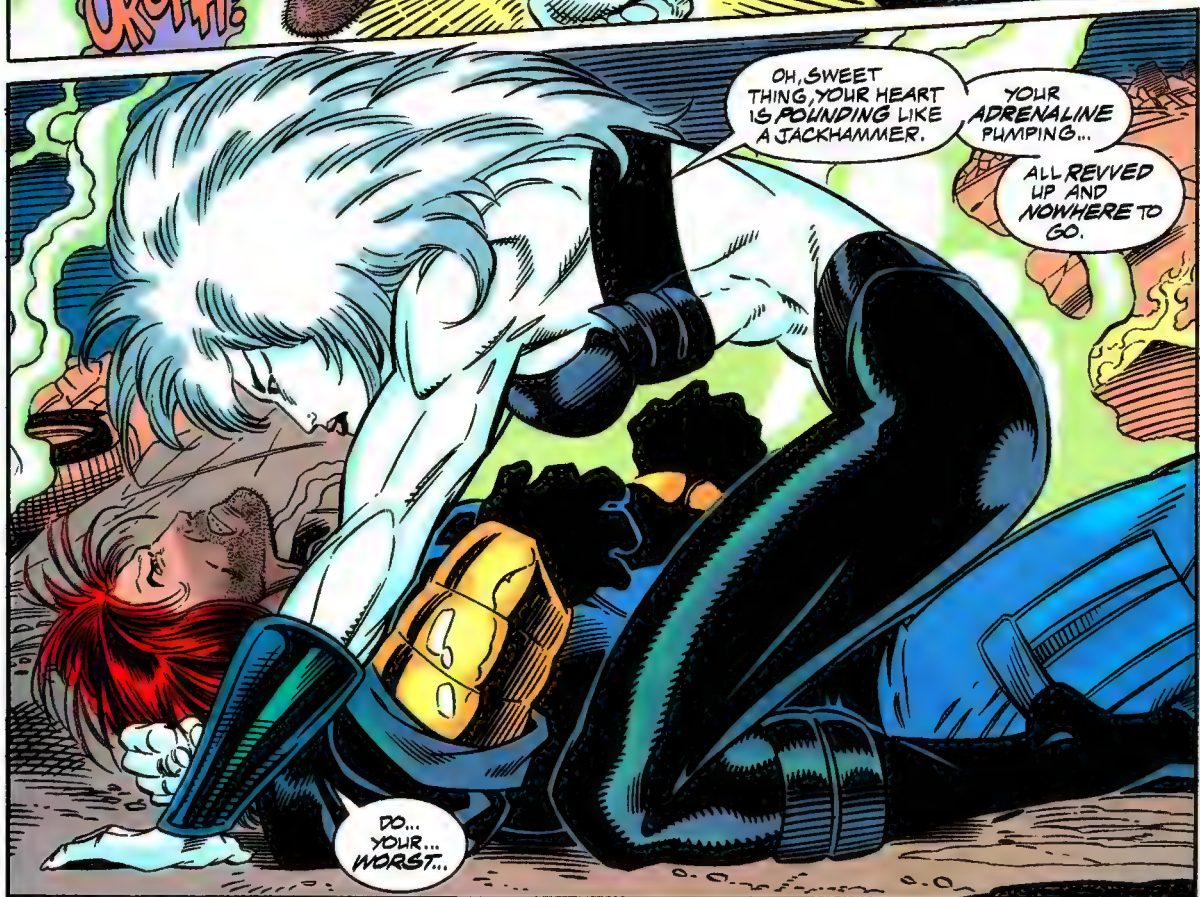
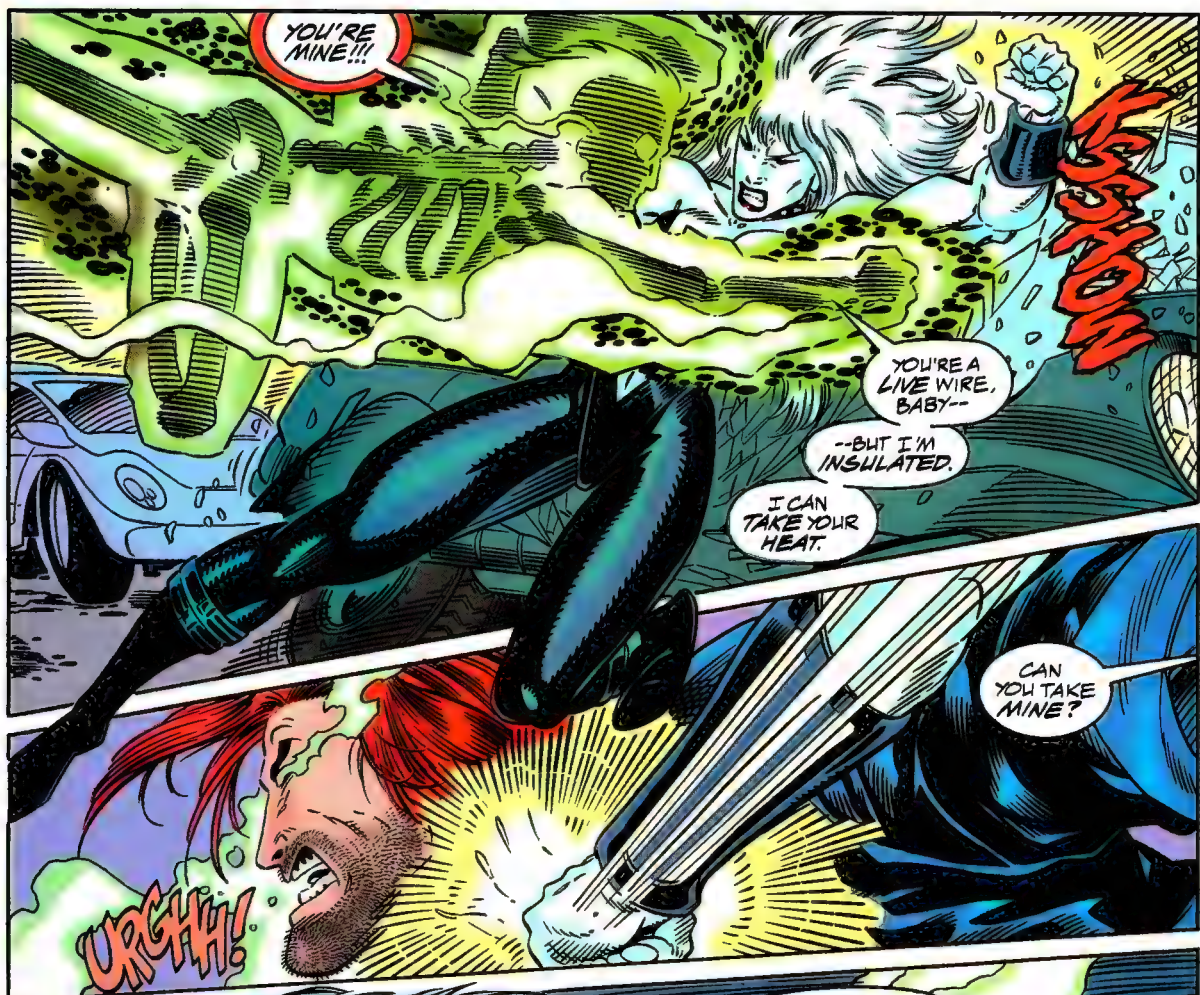
- **AVENGERS #376**: The **Black Panther** is back — but is he friend or foe? By **Harras/Epting/Palmer**!
- **AVENGERS ANNUAL #23**: The Titan called **Typhon** comes on like a typhoon! By **Thomas/Buscema**!
- **BEAVIS & BUTT-HEAD #5**: Hey **Beavis** — let's join the track team! Huh huh! By **Lackey/Parker**!
- **BRATS BIZARRE #3 OF 4**: The Brats buzz the evil **Hive**! By **Mills & Skinner/Scott & Fawcett**!
- **CONAN THE ADVENTURER #2**: The malevolent mace of the monk of **Mitral**! By **Thomas/Kayanani**!
- **CONEHEDS #2 OF 4**: **Beldar** must land a plane! It's **Akroyd-rific**! By **Collins/Richmond/Severin**!
- **COSMIC POWERS #5 OF 6**: Will **Morg** pledge allegiance to **Tyrant**? By **Marz/Grindberg**!
- **DOOM 2099 #19**: Do you dare enter ... the **Savage Land 2099**? By **Moore/Broderick/Nyberg**!

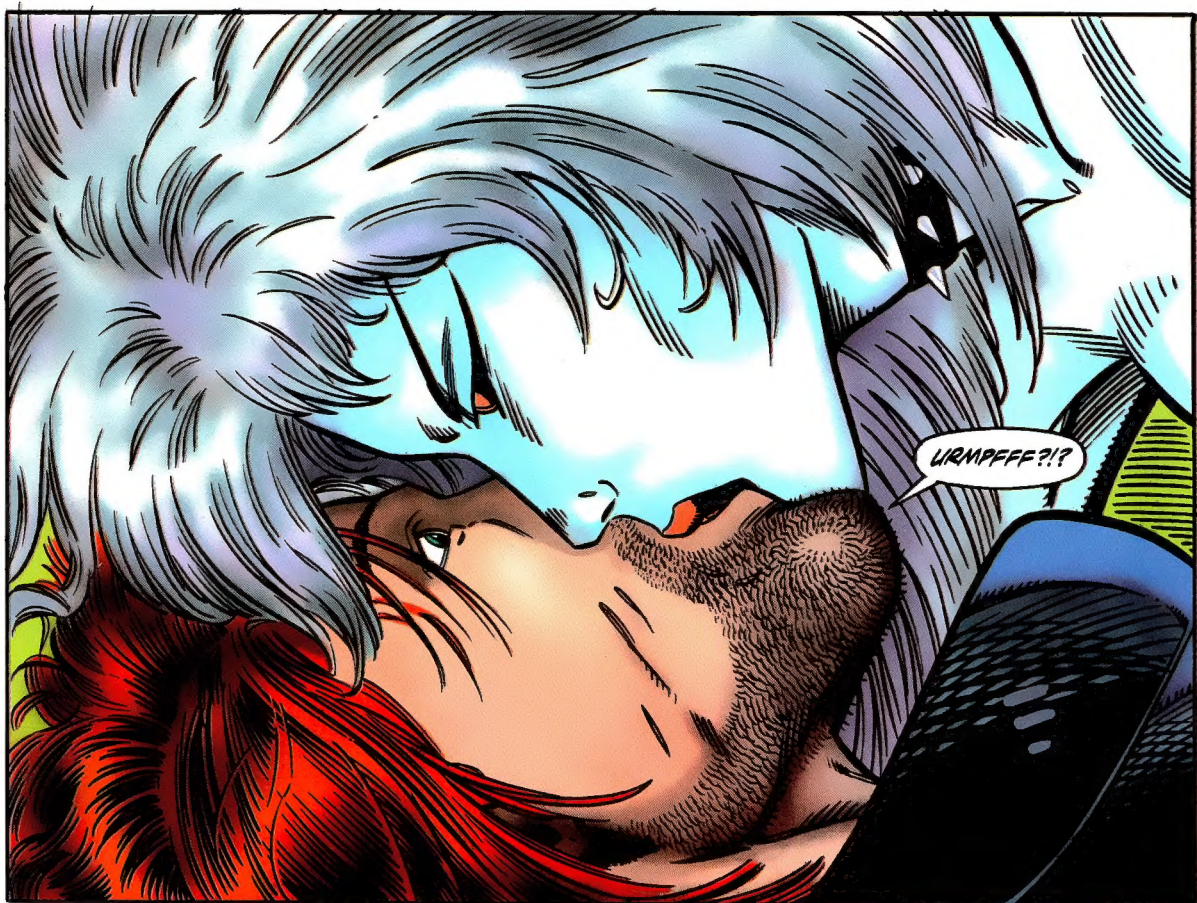
- **EXCALIBUR #79**: Blimey! Secrets are revealed about the new **Captain Britain**! By **Ashford/Lashley/Elliott**!
- **GHOST RIDER 2099 #3**: **GR 2099** hunts the killers of his alter ego! By **Kaminski/Bachalo/Buckingham**!
- **G.I. JOE #150**: When serpents clash! **Snake-Eyes** takes on **Cobra Commander**! By **Hama/Gosier/Wallace**!
- **INCREDIBLE HULK #419**: **Talos** the Tamed has a death wish! By **David/Cruz/Smith**!
- **MARVEL AGE #138**: Who will **Punisher** team up with next? It's a shocker!
- **MARVEL TALES #287**: **Silver Sable** must put **Jack O'Lantern's** lights out! By **DeFalco/Leonardi/Colletta**!
- **MIDNIGHT SONS UNLIMITED #6**: **Dr. Strange** vs. **Varnae** — times three! By **Quinn/Severin & Colan & Tenney**!

- **MORBIUS #23**: **Spider-Man** helps put a stop to **Slaughter**! By **Wright/Napolitano/Cabrera**!
- **NOVA #7**: **Nova** has saved **Alternova's** world — now can he save ours? By **Nicieza/Marrinan/Stegbauer**!
- **PUNISHER #92**: **Frank** fights like a mad dog against **Rabio**! By **Dixon/Heath**!
- **REN & STIMPY SUMMER JOBS SPECIAL #1**: The boys get work as house pets and stuntmen! By **Boyet/Mitchrone**!
- **ROCKO'S MODERN LIFE #2**: **Spunky**'s got worms, and **Rocko's** got the cure! By **Lewandowski & Cavalieri/Auck & Lazellari/Fields**!
- **SABRETOOTH CLASSICS #3**: Uncaged against **Luke Cage**! By **Duffy/Cowan/Mitchell**!
- **SPIDER-MAN #48**: It's goblins galore, with **Demogoblin** and

- Hobgoblin**! By **Mackie/Lyle/Hannal**!
- **SPIDER-MAN MAGAZINE #4**: Easy-to-read **X-Men & Spidey** stories for kids!
- **TRANSFORMERS: GENERATION 2 #9**: The **Autobot/Deception** alliance closes in! By **Furman/Galan & Yanigher/Amash**!
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I KNEW WHEN
I SAW YOU AGAIN,
THAT WE WERE
CONNECTED...

...BY
PASSION
AND PAIN.

YOU'VE
CROSSED
OVER TO THE
WILDSIDE--

--AND YOU'LL
NEVER GO
BACK.



YOU'VE WASTED
MOST OF YOUR
LIFE HIDING FROM
THE FIRE RAGING
INSIDE.

LET IT BURN...



LET IT
BURN FOR
ME.



TWENTY-
FOUR SEVEN,
SWEET
THING.

I'M
YOUR
MAN.

TO BE CONTINUED ?
YOU BET!

ARE YOU X-PERIENCED?

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Out Of My Head

As Casey Stengel said of his Mets, "This is a team that came up slow but fast." The X-Men 2099 have been allowed to develop slowly, so slowly in fact that most of the team members haven't received their *complete* costumes nor been using their code names till very recently. This allows us to give our characters more background, more depth to their relationships, and to further differentiate them from any other team of characters currently running.

I bring this up because much criticism has been made of allowing John to do this. People tell me that you, dear reader, have the focus and patience of a gnat, and what has been termed "an MTV attention span."

Oh yeah? My MTV attention span is roughly six seconds. Finding no depth, I tune out after six seconds, and head for the news channels. Or better yet, a book.

Dear X-Guys,

Issue #7 was awesome. I loved the Freak Show! Breakdown was the best! He kicks butt! Now that Tim can use his power, I like him lots more than I did before. His new suit's great, too. I hope the guy flying across the sky at the end is who I think it is!

You guys are doing a great job and I love Ron Lim's penciling, but there's some things I don't get. Who's the guy Xi'an keeps seeing and what's the Lawless?

Until Metalhead gets rusty, make mine Marvel 2099!

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That guy is Xi'an, Adam, or at least a figment of Xi'an when the X-Men's leader was a member of the outlaw mutant team known as The Lawless. Keep reading, John'll clue you in!

Dear X-Crew 2099,

GREAT BOOK!!! I read X-MEN 2099 #7 and just had to write. I have the first seven issues and I'm hooked. Victor Ten Eagles looks cool, but is he a mutant? If so, what's his power? Could the mysterious winged character on the last page be Archangel? I think Freakshow is cool! My favorite X-Man is Tim (a.k.a. Skullfire).

Please, I beg you, bring a "Jay" to the Marvel Universe! There's nobody named Jay! Please print this letter, my friend says you write the letters yourselves. Until Meanstreak takes a vow of silence, make mine Marvel, past, present and future!

Jay Tierney

We have enough problems getting the furslugginer stories together! Can you imagine if we had to write our own fan mail, too? No, we don't make 'em up, but we read everything we get!

Dear Experienced,

I've never written to any X-title before, but X-MEN 2099 #7 really got my attention! This issue is excellent! Action-packed, suspenseful (the way I like it) and the artwork is extremely awesome!

Seeing Xi'an get physical was money well spent. As leader of the X-Men, he should have kicked Breakdown's butt in a bigger way.

Why is Xi'an so mysterious and serious? He hasn't once cracked a smile. What he needs is a little romance to make him more human. Is it possible?

Speaking of romance, it seems Krystallin and Henri have something going, am I right? As for Eddie, please say his condition isn't permanent.

You people sure do make the time between issues last forever! So until Tim fizzles out, make mine Marvel 2099!

D. Edwards

(Address withheld by request)

What do you guys think, does Xi'an need a girlfriend? As for Henri and Krye, time will tell. And Eddie (a.k.a. Metalhead) may be permanently changed if he doesn't find a cure.

Dear X-MEN 2099 crew,

Congratulate yourselves, boys! So far you've done a terrific job with the X-MEN 2099 stories. John Moore is doing a fantastic job! I also like the work Ron Lim is doing with the art!

I've been collecting comics for five or six years now, but my favorite comics are the X-Men titles, especially X-MEN 2099. I've collected all seven issues so far. My favorite X-Men are Skullfire (Tim) and Bloodhawk. I especially like the way you're developing Tim. And the villains, I love them all—the Rat Pack, Controller-13, La Lunatica and the Freakshow, but my favorite is Junkpile. So far he seems to be the X-Men's hardest battle yet. I hope to see more of him in future issues.

Until Skullfire betrays Xi'an and joins the Greater Nevada Syndicate, make mine Marvel!

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Junkpile was a big fave among you readers, so we're bringing him back!

Dear Are You Experienced?,

Seven issues and each one superior to the one before! I loved it! "Hurricane Force" proved once again why this title is the greatest of the 2099 books. It was great to see Xi'an cut loose. You keep

changing my opinion of this character with every presentation of him. In fact, each member of the team is pretty complex (with the exception maybe of Cerebra, but perhaps her complexity lies in her mystery).

Is Eddie's disfigurement permanent? I hope not. Although we don't really know much about him, he's been one of my favorites from the beginning. He reminds me of an early Colossus.

I love Rosa! You have to keep her in this book! Both Rosa and Hurricane, along with the Freakshow, provide this book with a wonderful supporting cast.

Even though it was only a cameo, I was excited to see the Syngé siblings again. Bring them back!

Can't wait to see how Archangel fits into all this.

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Quite a little tapestry we're weaving, eh? By the way, those of you who like John Moore's stuff, scope out DOOM 2099. We're kinda partial to it.

MORE OF MARVEL 2099

Welcome aboard 2099 Airlines. Don't forget to keep your seat belt fastened during take-off and landing. Please note the exits at the center and rear of the craft. If we experience a sudden drop in cabin pressure, an oxygen mask will automatically descend. Pull the straps in order to fasten, breathe normally, and then help others adjust their masks. In the unlikely event of a water landing, any back issue can be used as a flotation device, provided it's in a mylar bag. Thank you for flying 2099, have a wonderful flight, and please observe the "No Smoking" signs. (That means you, too, Lia!)

By the way, did we mention that 2099 UNLIMITED #5 comes out this week? You might want to check out HULK 2099 there before he gets his own mag!

NEXT ISSUE

The coolest character in comics this year, the Driver, makes a new appearance! Zhao's Chosen Ones show up again, and we introduce someone who used to hang with Duke Stratosphere and Gabriel O'Hara! You get to join the club...a month from when you read this! Consider it an invitation!



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